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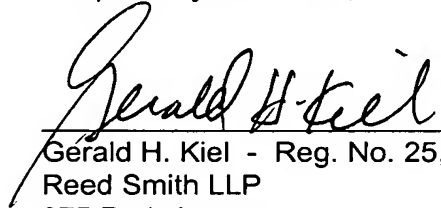
Applicant herewith submits together with the simultaneously filed National Phase application of PCT/EP00/09049, a copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) dated February 5, 2002 and German Examination Report dated January 3, 2001 citing the following references:

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AL	34 13 605	10/17/1985	Germany	Abstract only
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Accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement and form PTO-1449 are copies of the documents.

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Search Report (PCT/ISA/210);
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5 documents including 3 English Abstracts